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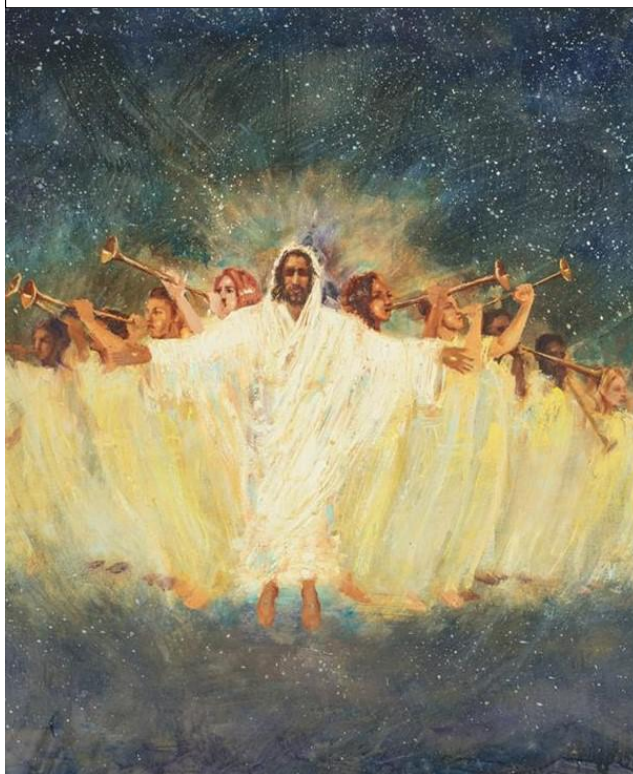


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Parish Mission Statement: The family of St. Mary's of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin is a welcoming community of the Catholic faith united in Catholic tradition and growing in the spirit of Vatican II. We come together at Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations to be nourished so we may respond to the gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We strive as a Christian community and in our personal lives to serve God and all of His people, especially the poor.

December 1, 2024 - The First Sunday of Advent



And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:27-28

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 5:30 pm	December 3 Tobias Glavin By: Dziejwior Family
Wednesday, 7:00 pm	December 4 † Jeff Lankey By: Ann Lankey
Thursday, 8:30 am	December 5 † Andy & Iwona Dzialek By: Zofia & Matt Leja
Friday, 8:30 am	December 6 † Bud Miller By: Miller Family
Saturday, 7:00 pm	December 7 † Anna McGowan By: Margaret Socha
Sunday, 9:00 am	December 8 † John Hall By: Rita Hall Family
1:00 pm	Parishioner Mass

***Reminder* - Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be held at 7pm on that day.**

Parish Events

Finance Council Meeting December 3, 6:30pm
Pastoral Council Meeting December 3, 7:30pm
Christmas Brunch December 8 after 9am Mass
Mass for the Blessed Virgin (Holy Day of Obligation) <i>December 9, 7pm</i>
Confessions December 11 After 6:30pm Mass
Christmas Decorations Setup December 22, 3pm
Christmas Caroling 30 minutes prior to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 9am Mass
Christmas Decorations Cleanup January 5, 3pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays
Tue. 5:30 pm
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 am
Weekends
Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed, Thurs, & Fri
8:00 - 8:25 am
Rosary
Saturday 6:35 pm
Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm

A Message from Father Cryton:

“He Loved Us” (Dilexit Nos) – The Encyclical by Pope Francis

Bishop Battersby has invited us to join with him in implementing his three-year pastoral plan for the Diocese of La Crosse. As per Bishop the first year he wants us to engage ourselves in prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit and allowing the Spirit to work in us. The Bishop has also dedicated and inviting us to take part actively in devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the first year of pastoral plan.

It is fitting that Pope Francis has just issues an encyclical **Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us)** this October 24th 2024 during his 12th year of his pontificate. With this document, Pope Francis invites the faithful to deepen their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, highlighting its transformative power for personal spirituality and the Church’s mission to serve a divided, materialistic, and heart-broken world. Let us reflect the first chapter this weekend and the rest in the coming weeks. (The summary is taken from the Vatican News).

Chapter 1: The Importance of the Heart

In the first chapter, Pope Francis reflects on the significance of the heart as a symbol of divine love, especially through devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: “Let us turn, then, to the heart of Christ, that core of his being, which is a blazing furnace of divine and human love and the most sublime fulfilment to which humanity can aspire. There, in that heart, we truly come at last to know ourselves and we learn how to love” (#30).

He emphasizes that the heart represents the core of human identity and sincerity, much more than just a physical organ. It’s where our desires, decisions, and relationships are formed. Without the heart, he argues, modern society has become alienated, preoccupied with technology and distractions, losing sight of the deeper heart-level questions of life: “Who am I? What direction do I want for my life?” The Pope invites us to reengage with our hearts, seeing them as the foundation for spiritual growth, authentic relationships, and societal renewal (#2-5, #8-12).

Francis draws inspiration from Saints Ignatius of Loyola and John Henry Newman, reminding us that true transformation begins when we encounter God’s love in the depths of our hearts. Newman’s motto, Cor ad cor loquitur (“Heart speaks to heart”), reflects this truth. This interior conversion, Francis says, is key to healing a fragmented world. The Sacred Heart of Christ becomes a source of reconciliation and peace, uniting individuals and communities with the power to renew society. As Francis beautifully expresses it: “Our hearts, united with the heart of Christ, are capable of working this social miracle” (#28-31). To be continued.....

Thank you for your donations for the Food Pantry. Together our parish raised \$804 to assist those in need this holiday season!



The Knights of Columbus Solomon Juneau Council are sponsoring an effort to support the Knights of Columbus of Wisconsin for the Annual “Sentiments for Seminarians Drive.” It’s an easy way to give a show of support to our seminarians, future priests and religious novices with simple gestures of appreciation during the holiday season. Please consider making a donation to this cause to support those who have devoted their lives to the service of others with their religious lives. To make a donation please contact the Parish Office.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church for Word Among Us [Daily Readings & Reflections for 2025]. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Word Among Us for the 2025 year, but to ensure a more accurate count for ordering we ask that you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of Church.



A Minute with Jesus: Jesus came into the world to save us by reconciling us with God | Through the original sin, Adam and Eve separated themselves from God. They lost the gift of grace – God’s very life within them. They were no longer united with God in a relationship of love. Further, there was nothing Adam and Eve, or you and I, could do to fix the problems instigated by the original sin, above all, our separation from God. The “Good News” is that Jesus came to be among us as our Savior, to reconcile us with God. To accomplish this, Christ established one Church and instituted seven sacraments. Still today the sacraments are the means through which we receive God’s gift of grace, His divine life within us. This shows how much God loves us: He wants to be so close that He wants to dwell within us! The holy Eucharist is the greatest of the sacraments by bringing us into the closest union with Jesus on Earth. Let us prepare our hearts before Mass every Sunday for so great a Gift! Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming for us on the first Christmas, as well as Your coming to us most especially in the holy Eucharist on Christmas. This week, read how the prophet Isaiah announced the coming of the Messiah in Isaiah 11:1-3.

“Behold: Prayer of the Saints” Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse

This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7 pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/beholdprayer.

St. Mary’s Jubilee History Book - A Perfect Christmas Gift! Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift? The St. Mary’s Jubilee History Book is still available for \$20 in the Narthex. This book is filled with inspiring photos, rich history and historic memories. It makes a wonderful gift for loved ones this holiday season, it’s the gift that keeps on giving!

Regular Confession locations and times for surrounding area:

St. Mary's - Lyndon Station
Tues 5pm, Sat 6pm
St. Cecilia - Wisconsin Dells
Tues 4:30pm, Wed-Fri 7:30am, Sat 9am

St. Patrick - Mauston Sat 4pm
St Paul's - New Lisbon Fri 7:30am
St. James - Camp Douglas Sat 5:30pm

St. Michael's - Indian Creek Sun 7:30am
Sacred Heart - Reedsburg Tues 4:30pm, Wed-Fri 7:30am, Sat 9am

St. Joseph - Baraboo Sat 9am, Mon-Wed 7:30am, Thurs 4:30pm, Fri 7:30am
We will list special Advent Confession date/times next week.

Pray for Will Goodman, a Pro-Life Champion | Will Goodman, who did pro-life work in the Diocese of La Crosse for more than a decade before joining Red Rose Rescue in 2017, is serving a 27-month sentence in federal prison in Danbury, CT for participating in a rescue in 2020 at a late-term abortion clinic in Washington, D.C., where he and several others offered red roses to the women awaiting abortion, seeking to persuade them to give life to their babies. On Sunday, Nov. 15, Will suffered serious injuries at the prison when he fell in his sleep from his top bunk and landed headfirst on the floor. He was rushed by ambulance to the emergency room, where he was vomiting blood. Though it was discovered he had skull fractures, he was sent back to the prison that night, and his nose bled for two days. Will has been experiencing debilitating effects, and his treatment by staff, while mostly professional, has had moments of cruelty. Please consider writing to Will to give him encouragement and support, and the promise of prayer. To read more, and for guidelines on writing to an inmate, see the article at lifesitenews.com/news/pro-life-rescuer-will-goodman-seriously-injured-in-prison, or click on the QR code to the right. Please also consider sending an email to the prison warden, Rick Stover, asking respectfully that Will Goodman be given the quality care and compassion he needs to recover. Email DAN-ExecAssistant-S@bop.gov, and type "Message to Warden Rick Stover re: Will Goodman" in the subject line.



St. Mary's Prayer List | Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Chris DeLange, Fran Dethloff, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Noah, Lizzie Mitchell, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Preston Shields, Aiden Topper, MV, Katie Walsh, Rachel Dombroski, Darren Honnold, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, & anxieties; Families & Friends, please **PRAY THE ROSARY!!!**

Community Events:

Christmas Open House At The Boorman House
(Juneau County Historical Society)
December 1, 7 & 8 from 12:00-7:00 each day.

Vaccination Clinic
Juneau County Public Health
200 S Hickory St, Mauston
Friday, December 6th 2pm-6pm
Walk-ins Welcome
Holiday Parade
Mauston
December 7th 6pm

Breakfast With Santa
At Elroy American Legion Auxiliary,
December 8th 8:30am-11am
Holiday Train
Mauston - December 9th

Holiday Market
Woodside Ranch & Convention Center, Mauston
December 14th 10am -3pm
Jingle & Mingle!
Mile Bluff Medical Center
December 18 4:30-6:30pm

Financial Stewardship

November 24, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....\$1903.00
Student Envelopes.....\$5.00
Offertory.....\$677.00
Votive candles.....\$60.25
Total \$2,645.25
(161 registered families)
Fiscal year-to-date
Contributed.....\$67,741.74

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 7, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Paul Zajackowski
EMC.....Mary Crowley
Servers.....Katelyn & Aron Browne
Ushers.....Dennis Franek
.....Jim McGowan & Dan Patton
Gift Bearers.....McGowan Family
Musician.....Jade Pusel

Sunday, December 8, 9:00 am

Lector.....Jodi Nelson
EMC.....Carol Cauley
.....Sheri Guyse
Servers.....Karina,
.....Amanda & Karol Strzemecka
Ushers.....Tom Guyse, Bob Dethloff,
.....Mark Walsh & Connie Walsh
Gift Bearers.....John & Joan Burch
Musician.....Ella Franek

Sunday, December 8, 1:00 pm

Lector.....Zach Housworth
EMC.....Zach Housworth
Ushers.....Rodney Senzig

Wednesday, December 11th, Mass will be at 6:30pm. Following mass, Father will be holding confessions for CCD children and parishioners.

St. Mary's Choir, led by Jade Pusel, will be singing at The Boorman House (211 N. Union St, Mauston) Saturday, December 7th from 3-4pm. Please consider attending and showing support to our wonderful choir!

Christmas Brunch is fast approaching on December 8th and **this is the last weekend to sign up!!!** - Sign up in the back of church by December 1st for our Christmas Brunch. ***New* We will be having a cookie walk with our Christmas Brunch, as well as at the 7pm and 1pm masses the weekend of December 8th. To make this happen we will need cookie donations! You can bring your cookie donations on Saturday night or Sunday, they will be sold after all masses. All money that is raised from this event will go toward the ongoing repairs in the church.**



CCD | Kid's Corner

This week's CCD Student of the Week is: **Kendall Crowley**

Grade 4

Q: What are you thankful for?

A: I am thankful that I can go to church with my family.



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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 1, 2024 First Sunday Of Advent Jer 33: 14-16; Ps 25:4 -5,8-9,10,14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 | We have entered the urgent and powerful season of Advent, a time to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our judgment day is coming, too, when we will have to give an account for all that God has given us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season! Our readings for the first week of Advent are not just urgent; they also offer us practical advice, calling our attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and guide us as we enter this season. The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or the coming of the Lord? Get ready, Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder, and let this preparation inspire us to action.